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REMARKS

The Office Action of July 5, 2005 has been reviewed, and the Examiner's comments and rejections have been carefully considered. The present Amendment amends claims 13, 18-20, 22, 23 and 26-29, all in accordance with the originally-filed specification. Further, claims 17 and 21 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 13, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-30 are pending in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for again indicating that the subject matter of claims 21-28 defines over the prior art of record. In particular, the Examiner objects to claims 21-28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13, 15-20, 29 and 30 stand rejected. In particular, these claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,651,484 to Fugman. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment cancels claims 17 and 21. The subject matter of these claims has been full incorporated into independent claim 13. Accordingly, the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner on Page 2 of the Office Action has been inserted into the independent claim. Further, the dependencies of the remaining claims have been adjusted accordingly. Therefore, independent claim 13 is in allowable form.

Claims 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-30 depend either directly or indirectly from and add further limitations to independent claim 13 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons discussed hereinabove in connection with independent claim 13. Therefore, for all

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the above reasons, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-30 is respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that claims 13, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-30, as amended, are patentable over the cited prior art and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims 13, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-30 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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